

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

702 KAR 7:140, School District Calendar (Final)

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 158.060, 158.070

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education give final approval to 702 KAR 7:140?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. Local boards of education are required to adopt a school calendar for the upcoming school year prior to May 15 of each year. Local boards of education must submit each adopted school calendar to the Kentucky Department of Education no later than June 30 of each year. The school calendar establishes opening and closing days of school, instructional days, holidays, and professional development days and states the amount of instructional time offered each day. Local boards of education may amend the school calendar. Amended school calendars are due to the Kentucky Department of Education no later than June 30 of each year.

School calendars must be submitted electronically. The calendar file is created through the Student Information System "SIS" and must be attached to an e-mail and sent to the "KDE Data Reports" or Data.Reports@education.ky.gov with a subject line that includes the word "calendar" and the district number.

The content of 702 KAR 7:140 is being separated from the attendance regulation, 702 KAR 7:125, for clarity purposes. No language changes are being made to the content.

Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):

Staff recommends final approval of 702 KAR 7:140 to allow separation of school calendar requirements from attendance requirements. This will provide clarity to districts in understanding the requirements of each.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Revising 702 KAR 7:140 should result in clearer guidance to local districts in the area of school calendars. This should support our efforts to reach proficiency by 2014 by making this process more efficient.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary :

The proposed changes have been presented to the Kentucky Directors of Pupil Personnel Board of Directors. The KDPP board is supportive of the creation of a regulation that is specific to the requirements of the school calendar.

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council will provide input prior to the June meeting.

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